

Application Serial No. 10/718,196

Docket No. 99-88CON1
PATENT

(D) The number of channels

To comply with the Office action and provide a complete response, subject to reconsideration by the Examiner, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, the species defined by

- A) The microdetectors being integral with a substrate;
- B) Thermal conductivity microdetectors including a thin film filament;
- C) The microdetectors being microfabricated by etching; and
- D) A six-channel chromatograph.

The claims that read upon this species include 1-3, 6-15, 26-32, 34-45, and 53-85.

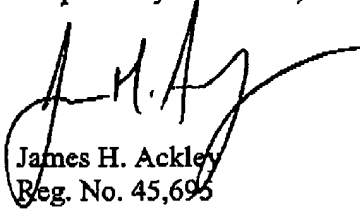
CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (408) 720-2598.

Applicants believe that no fees are required. If necessary, however, the Examiner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

Respectfully submitted,

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